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In re application of: Geoffrey B. Rhoads

Application No.: 09/804,679

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EMPLOYING WATERMARKS

Examiner: U. Raman

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Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 Expedited Procedure Art Unit 2616

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

MAIL STOP AF COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir,

Regarding the refusal to consider the non-patent references cited in the August 26, 2004 IDS, copies of such art are submitted herewith, together with a Form PTO-1449 listing same.

Consideration of such art, and return of an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the undersigned, are solicited.

(Applicant notes that the August 26 IDS submission – without copies of art – was in compliance with Rule 98(d). As explained in the Information Disclosure Statement, such art is of record in application 09/337,590, to which the present application claims priority. As such, no copies were required. Copies are submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience.)

Regarding the merits of the rejection, a Notice of Appeal will follow shortly.

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